

R. Edgar's COLUMN

Clubs Will Run on the Membership Plan When Frawley Law Goes Out in November.

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BOXING, as controlled by the Frawley Law, goes out in November. But boxing will not stop in New York State. It will be simply put back on the same footing it held before the Frawley Law came in. Clubs will run on the membership plan.

I have seen on the authority of the Governor. When interviewed several months ago, on the last day of the "Week Investigation," the Governor stated that it was his intention to have the Frawley Law repealed. He stated, too, that this would not necessarily stop boxing in the State. That would mean only one thing—that boxing would go on under the old conditions. Court tests before the Frawley Law went into effect proved that the police have no right to stop boxing exhibitions in clubs, given for members of the clubs.

Undoubtedly the old Fairmont A. C. will be able to open its doors. The club books are still in existence, with thousands of members registered. When the necessity for running the Fairmont as a membership club passed the books were carefully put away. No doubt nearly all of the old members will renew and the bouts will go on as before.

If all the clubs were as decently run as the Fairmont this would not be objectionable in the least. But the trouble is that some of the promoters who helped bring the Frawley Law into existence are still in the game, and they will probably try to go right along holding bouts. The result can be imagined.

IF the Frawley Law had been backed by the appointment of commissioners combining the virtues of honesty, ability and fearlessness—there never would have been the slightest excuse for trying to have it repealed. The Governor didn't make good appointments—we'll state it very mildly—and if boxing wasn't carried on in the best possible manner it was his fault—not the fault of the Frawley Law. However, the Frawley Law was the "goat." It has been knocked out. There is little likelihood that another boxing law like the Frawley Law will be passed in the near future. And following the repeal of the law, we go to Philadelphia when they want to go to a bout.

It's a sad affair. Who wants to go to Philadelphia and come home on the midnight train, that stops at every station to take on milk cans, and arrives in New York in the gray of the morning? We don't. But I suppose we'll have to do it, for we're not going to give up seeing boxing bouts. Not by a jugful.

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There is not a baseball club in the major leagues which is not taxed heavily at the present time, and there is none of them which has made a whimper.

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BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP

By Christy Mathewson,
Former Star of Giants and Manager of Cincinnati Reds.

Cardinals Are Doing So Well This Spring Because Their Pitchers Are Going Good and the Entire Team Displays Plenty of Fighting Spirit.

IHAVE seen in the papers that they are complaining there is too much hand shaking 'tween the German and Russian soldiers, and that this has taken all the color out of the war. I can recommend a remedy as sure. Let McGraw manage the Russian army and Stallings manage the German army.

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